THE SPEAKER'S SELECTIONS BASED ON ABILITY AND FITNESS.

NO ATTEMPT TO REWARD HIS FRIENDS OR PUNISH HIS ENEMIES-IMPORTANT PLACES

GIVEN TO MEN WHO OPPOSED HIM IN THE CAUCUS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE) Washington, Dec. 23 .- Of course the Denocrats are not satisfied with the composition of the House committees, and they are already trying to foment secord in the Republican ranks. That is Democratic statesmanship. One of the Democratic state-ments is that the Speaker has sought to reward his friends and punish the men who voted against him in the caucus. The fact is that about one-half of the fifty odd chairmanships have been allotted to men that body met, some of whom were feremost n the effort to defeat him by appeals of sectional ecling. Other committee assignments have been nade on the same principle. Moreover, among the chairmanships given to men who opposed Mr. Reed's taction are no less than fourteen of the most desimble and important in the entire list.

first, and one of the most important committees on the list, is that on Elections, at the head of which has been placed Mr. Rowell, of Illinois, a stanch suporier of Mr. Cannon. Among the other Republicar Cooper, who were ardent McKinley men, and Mr. Lacey, who was an equally warm supporter of Colonel Hender-At the head of the Ways and Means Committee, he chairman of which is both nominally and actually the leader of the majority in the House, is Major Mc Kinley, who was Mr. Reed's strongest competitor, and who has among his colleagues Mr. Burrows, another of Mr. Reed's competitors, and ex-Governor Gear, of Jowa, who was Colonel Henderson's chief lieutenant in the Speakership contest. At the head of the important Committee on Appropriations is Mr. Cannon, another candidate for the Speakership, with whom are assosted Colonel Henderson, another candidate: Major Butterworth, who was one of Major McKinley's active supporters; Mr. McComas, who supported Colonel Henderson; Mr. Peters, who was an ardent Cannon man, and Mr. Brewer, who supported Mr. Burrows. It thus happens that two-thirds of the Republican rship of this most important committee is comsed of men who were opposed to the election of Mr.

At the head of the Committee on Manufactures. which will be charged with the important duty of dealing with any legislation affecting "trusts," is Judge who stood by and voted for Major McKinley. although nearly all the other twenty Republicans from the Keystone State supported Mr. Reed. One of the most important committees of the House is that on the Judiciary, the chairman of which is Ezra B. Taylor, of Ohio, who supported Major McKinley. Of no less importance is the Committee on Foreign Affairs, at the head of which is Mr. Hitt, who voted for Mr. Cannon. Another Cannon man, General Henderson, has been appointed to the chairmanship of the Committee on vers and Harbors, which is regarded by many members as the most desirable one in the House. Still another Cannon man, Judge Payson, receives the chairmanship of the Committee on Public Lands, the importance of which is generally appreciated. A fourth porter of Mr. Cannon, Mr. Dunnell, of Minnesota, goes to the head of the Census Committee Seneral Vandeveer, of California, who also supported General Vandeveer, of California, who also supported Mr. Cannon, gets the chairmanship of the new but extremely important Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands. Mr. Conger, of Iowa, who supported Colonel Henderson, goes to the head of the Committee on Colnage. Mr. Struble, another Henderson man, becomes chairman of the Committee on Territories, which will be called upon to deal with the important subject of the admission of Idaho and Wyoming, as well as with many other important matters.

The chairmanship of the Committee on Military Affairs goes to General Cutcheon, who supported Mr. Burrows. Another Burrows man, Mr. O'Donnell, gets the chairmanship of the Committee on Education, which will be required to deal with the Blair bill or some like measure in which a large part of the country feels an interest.

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It cannot be said of the men who have been herein named, as of other men who have received chairmanships or important committee assignments, that they have been rewarded on account of their opposition to support the successful candidate for Speaker. The appointments have been made on grounds of ability, fitness and experience, and, as every impartial man will admit who has been familiar with the proceedings of Congress during the last fifteen years, the list, as a whole, will compare most favorably with the work of any of Speaker Reed's predecessors during that period.

NOMINATIONS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

1,429 messages, containing the nominations (includ-1,000 of these nominations, the great majority of them postmasters

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate is noted for the deliberate manner in which it considers matters referred to it, so it is not surprising that only a small proportion of the nominations of judges and officers of the United States courts all over the country have been confirmed. The nomination of O. W. Chapman to be Solicitor-General, of Alphonso Hart to be Solicitor of Internal Revenue, and of W. P. Hephurn, to be Solicitor of the Treasury, are still undisposed of. Of the diplomatic nominations, the following have not been confirmed: George Maney, Minister to Para-

guay and Uruguay; J. G. R. Pitkin, Minister to the Argentine Republic; Clark E. Carr, Minister to Denmark. Among the consular nominations that have not been acted upon by the Senate are those of Eugene Schuyler as Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt, and of William B. Sorsby, of Mississippi to be Consul-General to Ecuador. In the customs service nominations remaining undisposed of are those of Amor Smith, jr., to be surveyor at Cincinnati, and of Philip M. Hildebrand to be surveyor at Indianapolis. Robert Smalls, the colored ex-Congressman from South Carolina, nominated to be Collector of Customs, is

also unconfirmed.

Other important nominations that went over until after the recess are those of Messrs. Roosevelt and Other important nominations that went over until first the recess are those of Messrs. Roosevelt and Thompson, Civil service Commissioners; Taylor, Rail-road Commissioner: Holliday, Commissioner of Customs; Bates, Commissioner of Navigation; Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Afairs, and Dorchester, Super-intendent of Indian Schools.

GOOD EFFECTS OF THE "CANTEEN" SYSTEM. Washington, Dec. 23,-According to reports received at the War Department, the "canteen" system, co tablished by general order in February, is producing excellent results in improving the discipline and morals of the Army. These canteens consist, in a general way, of a room, or rooms, prepared for the comfort and entertainment of the men, where light refreshments can be obtained at reasonable rates, and there facilities are afforded for harmtess forms of amusement-card-playing games, smoking, etc. Among the good results accomplished are mentioned decreased desertions, less trankenness, and a general improve ment in the temper and disposition of the men. Colonel B. I. Dodge, commanding the 11th Infantry at Madison Barracks, New-York, in a report on the "can

As a moral influence in the interest of discipli and good order, the canteen has achieved a remarkable and generally unexpected success. Though within a village abounding in barrooms and other temptations, this point is more free from drunkenness, disorders, unauthorized absences and neglects of duty than any of the twenty posts I have commanded soldiers treated as reasonable and responsible beings, surrounded with conferts and the means of intelligent enjoyment, take on an entirely different character. Similarly encouraging reports were received from

Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, of the 14th Infantry, at Vancouver Barracks, and Captain John O. Adams, 1st Cavalry, at Fort Maginnis, Mont. -

IMPROVING PENSION OFFICE METHODS. Washington, Dec. 23.—Commissioner Raum, of the Pension Bureau, to-day Issued an important order looking to the speedy determination of all cases in his office in which no material evidence for or against the alpheant seems to be wanting. He directs that the files of all pending claims shall at once be examined and as list of such as seem to be complete shall be kept and known as the "Completed Files." Chiefs of divisions are directed to require all examiners to devote their entire time during five days of each week to the consideration of these completed cases, acting upon them in the order of the filing of cases, acting upon them in the order of the filing of the last place of evidence. On Saturday of each week the entire force of examiners are required to devote themselves to the examination of cases borne upon the pending files, and in making the necessary calls for evidence in those cases. As soon as the necessary evidence in any case is received, that case will im-mediately be put upon the completed list, and receive proper action in its regular order. It is expected that each saturday shall be devoted to incomplete cases.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE CUSTOMS BILL. Washington, Dec. 23.-The Ways and Means Committee was engaged for a few hours to-day in the consideration of the McKinley Administrative Customs committee expect to complete the preparation of the bill before the hearings on the tariff

THE CHOICE OF COMMITTEES The committee, therefore, when it meets after Christ mas, will hear both sides of the question.

ANXIOUS FOR MR. ALLISON'S RETURN. WHY IOWA SHOULD RE-ELECT HER SENIOR SENATOR-MR. BECK'S TRIBUTE.

Washington, Dec. 23 (Special).—Senator Allison's canvass for re-election by the Iowa Legislature has excited a warm interest in political circles here. The general feeling is that Iowa cannot well afford to lose a representative in Washington so worthy, so in fluential, so well equipped and so deservedly popular as her senior Senator. Mr. Allison's retirement from the Senate, in fact, would be sincerely regretted by every member of that body, and by Republicans in

every part of the country. Senator Beck, of Kentucky, who has served with Mr. Allison on the Committee on Appropriation and Finance for many years, voices the sentiments of a large number of Mr. Allison's friends. "The State of Iowa," said he to day, "would never be so foolish of lowa," said he to day, "would never be so foolish as to put any man in Mr. Allison's place save Mr. Allison himself. If it did it would disgrace itself. At present lowa is the most prominent State in the Senate, for Mr. Allison is not only chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, but he is the second member of the Committee on Finance. If they send a new man here he will probably have to go down to the lower end of some of the minor committees. William B. Allison is a statesman and if the Iowa Legislature has not completely lost its senses it will send him back to the Senate as often as he can be persuaded to come."

#### ELECTION FRAUDS IN VIRGINIA. GENERAL MAHONE DESCRIBES SOME OF THE DEMOCRATIC METHODS IN THE LAST

CAMPAIGN. Washington, Dec. 23 (Special).-Ex-Senator Mahone who is spending the winter in Washington, is devoting a good deal of his time to the study of the sev eral measures proposed to govern the election of Representatives in Congress and for other purposes. In conversation with a Tribune correspondent General

Mahone said: 1 suppose the Democratic leaders in Virginia have guilty of every sort and kind of infamy that the mind of man can conceive to win political victories by foul means. and ret I think it would be wise and prudent for Congress in framing a law to suppress or prevent frauds upon the ballot-box and other frauds to nullify the will of the major ity of legal voters, to study with care the methods used it did something which was wholly new. Under our election law a county judge has the power to change the polling-place in any precinct. Of course nobody would suppose that such a power would be exercised without due publi

Yes, but I do not as yet know how extensively. Nearly all of our county Judges, as you know, are Democrats. I will give an example of the way the thing was The county judge of one of the counties-Pittsyl-was applied to on the night before election. In largest Republican precincts to a place some three miles distant from that at which the election had been held for years. His decision, given in chambers, was known to crats, some 40 or 50, were on hand. voting at that place, and the returns were regularly made and signed. The Republicans, knowing nothing of this. assembled at the regular polling place, and, finding no election officers in attendance, proceeded, as they had a right to do, to elect officers and hold an election. The returns were made in due form, but were rejected because the election was not held at the right place. Thus 40 or 50 Democrat votes in that precinct were counted, and more than 300 Republican votes were rejected. Were any other new means of fraud resorted to?

Well, as to that I cannot say. It is a fact that the names of many thousands of lawful voters who were Re-publicans—the number is estimated by some well-informed ersons at 25,000-were arbitrarily struck from the regis

"Yes," interjected a Virginia Republican who was present, "and I am credibly informed that United States Senator John W. Daniel was present in the room with the registrars at Lynchburg while they were engaged in doing that work."

POWERS CLAIMED BY THE CONTROLLER. Washington, Dec. 23.-It is understood that Second Controller Gilkerson has refused to reopen the cases of Paymaster Smith, Surgeon Billings and other officer of the Army, whose accounts were suspended some The War Department, immediately after Controller Maynard disallowed the accounts, declined to withhold the amounts involved from future pay ments to the officers until it had tested the legality of the Controller's action. Accordingly a case was presented to the Court of Claims, which last February made findings of fact for the guidance of the Sec Washington, Dec. 23.—In the three weeks ended last Saturday, President Harrison sent to the Senate The papers in the case and the report were recently red to Controller Gilkerson. In his decision ing Army and Navy appointments) of about 1,000 Controller Gilkerson refuses to recognize this re When the Senate adjourned on Saturday | port as evidence, claiming that it is merely "for the there had been made public the confirmation of about guidance of the secretary of War," and is not therefore before him. Controller Maynard in his brief on the same cases, asserted that there is no powethe same cases, asserted that there is no powr, in the executive departments of the Government to overrule any decision by the Treasury Controllers, thus declaring an independence that could be reached only by the act of Congress. Secretary Proctor has not decided upon a course of action in the case.

## REVERSING A PENSION DECISION.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Assistant Secretary Bussey has rendered a decision in the pension case of the widow of Joshua Corson, late Company B, 24th New-Jersey Volunteers. This claim was originally rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions, on the ground that the origin of hernia, the death cause, was not due to the wound for which the soldier was pensioned. The case was before the Department on Sovember 10, 1887, on appeal, when the action of the Commissioner was affirmed, the department basing its action unqualifiedly upon the opinion of the medical referee, which was adverse to the claim The Assistant Secretary says: "The unqualified and unsupported opinion of the medical referce must be But, while giving due weight to the opinion of that officer, justice demands that proper consideration should also be given to other competent medical testimony emanating from those who, having the patient under daily observation and treatment, are presumably in a position to know the practical effect and result of a disease. The Assistant Secretary finds that the testimony as a whole establishes the applicant's right to a pension, which is accordingly evanted.

FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS APPOINTED. Washington, Dec. 23.-Fourth-class postmasters were

to-day appointed as follows: Pennsylvania—A. L. Kindet, Alvira; John W. Colburn, Ashley; Frank N. Donahue, Hastings; A. P. Childs, Mountain Top; William R. Sizer, Sizerville.

NevaYork—William H. Palmer, Canaan Four Corners; M. F. Aldridge, Chazy; Abner Loomis, Ingraham

ham. Connecticat—S. L. Barber, Campbells' Mills; Mrs. R. A. Coe. Middlefield; Mrs. 61. R. Korper, South Willington; James E. Pike, Sterling.

THE NEW VESSEL TO BE CALLED THE MONTEREY Washington, Dec. 23.—secretary Tracy to-day decided to name the new coast defence vessel now building in San Francisco the Monterey, in commemoration of the great victory of the American forces in Mexico.

Naval Constructor Hichbern, who has just returned from a visit to Philadelphia, says that the new cruiser Baltimore is practically completed and ready to be into commission. It is probable that she will be ordered to proceed to New-York via Norfolk.

SENATE COMMITTEES COMING HERE. Washington, Dec. 23.—The Senate Special Com-mittee on Commercial Relations with Canada, Senator Hoar chairman, and Senator Vest's special committee to investigate the dressed-beef business, will go to New-York City next week to pursue inquiries upon the subjects named.

FUNDS LEFT BY THE DEFAULTER SILCOTT. Washington, Dec. 23.—There was delivered to the United States Treasurer this morning a large package containing upward of \$53,000 in notes, checks and other securities, representing the money left by the absconding cashier, silcott.

## ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Captain George G. Lott, 11th Infantry, having been reported unit for active duty, has been granted indefinite leave of absence. The resignation of Second Lieutenant George D. Deshon, 23d Infantry, has been accepted by the Positions. been accepted by the President. The leave of absence of Second Lieutenant P. C. Welsh, 15th Infantry, has been extended three months. Captain J. C. Chance, 18th Infantry, has been relieved from duty at New-York and ordered to join his regiment. The leave of absence of First ordered to join his regiment. The leave of absence of First Lieutenant William Lassiter, 16th Infantry, has been ex-tended three months. Captain Charles M. Rockefeller, 9th Infantry, has been granted four months' leave of absence. The following changes have been made in the Quarter-master's Department: Captain D. D. Wheeler, ordered to duty at Los Angeles, Cai., relieving Captain Theodore E. True, who is ordered to duty at Tueson, Ariz, relieving Captain A. E. Williams, which is called to duty at New

Captain A. E. Miltimore, who is ordered to duty at New-

Lieutenant George W. Meutz has been ordered to the Bureau of Navigation; Captain B. J. Cromwell has been detached from the League Island Navy Yard to apecial duty at Chester, Penn., as inspector of ordnance of new vessels; Lieutenant J. T. Newton, from the Bureau of begin. The minority of the committee insist upon Navigation and placed on waiting orders; Ensign H. C. hearing those who are in favor of a reduction of the Poundstone, from the Washington Navy Yard and ordered faring a well hearing those who are in favor of a reduction of the fariff as well as those who favor the present schedule. to duty in the coast survey.

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THE BRIBERT IN THE CRONIN CASE. OUTLINE OF THE DEFENCE OF JOHN GRAHAM

-THE MURDERED MAN'S PROPERTY. Chicago, Dec. 23 (Special) .- A. S. Trude is of the opinion that the State will be unable to maintain its charge against John Graham, of attempting to bribe the Cronin jury. He is attorney for Graham, and contrary to the usual custom, fully outlined the theory

defence in "The Evening Journal." "When the Cronin trial began," said he, "it was, of course, seen to be a very important case. lives of five men were in jeopardy. Consequently a juror susceptible of purchase would be a valuable commodity. Well, this fact was appreciated by the man who subsequently was the first to squeal, Solomon, a Hebrew bailiff. This man, scenting a fortune in the air, began at once the formation of a jury trust, of which he made himself president, secretary treasurer and board of directors. This trust was to get a man upon whom it could depend on the jury and then open negotiations with a man who, for strange reason, was supposed to have a vital interest whole affair and to sell this trust jurar to him for a big consideration. With this idea, the Pooh Bah of the trust went to work. Several men who were supposed to have intimate relations with the ma have a vital interest in the whole affair were essful, and he went to John Graham, who thought to be on'intimate terms with this man. But they found that wouldn't work either. John Graham had nothing to do with the case. He is per fectly willing to waive the formality of a jury and be tried before the judge alone, so confident is he of the outcome."

Attorney Brown, who has charge of the case of Frank Woodruff, has created a sensation by claiming to be in possession of a legal point that will secure a reversal by the Supreme Court of the recent verdict in the Cronin case. precedent which will compel the Supreme for release under habeas corpus on the ground that he had not been admitted to trial within the third term of court after his imprisonment. In the preceding decision, the supreme Court declares that the three branches of the Criminal Court are as distinct each from the other as the County Court is from the Circuit Court. Mr. Brown has hunted up several decisions in which the Supreme Courts have held that one court can not, of its own volition, transfer to another distince and independent court a case already pending before it. Mr. Brown argues that this is precisely what was done by Judge Horton in the beginning of the case. Mr. Brown argues that this is precisely what was done by Judge Horton in the beginning of the case. Mr. Brown's alleged discovery has created some commotion, but it is observed that his sangnine expectations are not shared by the attorney of the other defendants.

Theodore T. Conklin, the particular friend of Dr. Cronin's estate. Conklin is the administrator to collect and his report shows that the only properly left by the murdered man consists of a library worth \$200 and surgical instruments worth \$100. The inventory was approved, but no final disposition was made of the property, which will go to Conklin as a creditor and to Dr. Cronin's brother in Arkansas. third term of court after his imprisonment. In

AMERICAN BEEF IN EUROPE.

American beef is sent to European markets in three different ways, saited, dressed and as live stock The Argentine Republic and Uruguay are also shipping from Buenos Ayres and Montevideo large quantit competition against American meat in Europe markets by Canadian and Australian products. T attle breeders and exporters of the La Plata region ship their dressed beef and mutton in vessels like the favorite Frigorifique, plying between Hawre and Buenos Ayres, fitted especially for that kind of trade being really floating warehouses, kept cool with ice or rarefied air. American dressed beef does not need uch vessels, because the crossing of the Atlantic between New-York and Europe is not so long and tedious as that between the River Plate countries and the eastern side of the Atlantic. The same American live stock, which can be landed in Europe within fourteen days at the most, while it takes abo four weeks for a cattle ship from La Plata to reach a French or German port. It seems, therefore, as if can competition in the matter, at least, of sending live stock to European markets. The most recent proof of it is shown out in the following paragraph, which has been widely circulated in French and German papers. The article is dated December 1. from Mulhouse or Mulhansen, a large manufacturing Alsatian city annexed to Germany in 1871, after the Franco-Prussian war. It says: •

Butchers have sold at retail Saturday and to-day meat

rom American beeves which arrived alive from South series by a Hamburg steamer Thursday last. This is America by a Hamburg steamer Intrisedy list. This is but a trial, and it does not look as if bound to be suc-cessful. The importation of these American cattle costs so heavily that, by againg the purchase price, sales, instead of being profitable are, on the contrary, very in-jurious to those butchers who have tried the experiment. These negative results which have already been experience in Germany are causing great disquietude. Cattieraising is, indeed, below the requirements of consumption to such an extent that the military quartermasters are compelled to make their purchases in France through the

agency of cattle brokers of Alsace-Lorraine Many other similar paragraphs that could be noted from European papers are calculated to en quotee from European papers are calculated to courage American cattle breeders, and show them that their geographical advantages secure them against the much talked of competition of La Plata breeders, at least h regard to the exportation of live stock to

BELIEVED TO BE A CASE OF MURDER. Louis Schaefer, age thirty-four, formerly a conductor on the Long Island and New-York and Northern railroads, died at his home at College Point yester day afternoon. It is supposed he was mu chaefer was out with his brothers Herman and Christian last night and visited several saloons in their ompany. During the evening they had words with several men, but nothing serious is known to have taken place. The brothers reached home about 11 'clock, and all went to bed. About 8 o'clock this norning Schaefer's mother was surprised to see his morning Schaefer's mother was surprised to see him enter the house in a dazed condition, and with his nead hadly bruised. He asked her to send for a doctor, but refused to say how he received his interest which consisted of a black eye, a deep cut over the left temple and another cut on the mouth. Some of his teeth were loosened. He died at 2 p. m. The doctors say his death was due to concussion of the brain, resulting from the blow on the temple. A large pool of blood was discovered it. Twelfth-st., near Fifth-ave., which is supposed to be the spot where schaefer fell after being assaulted. Coroner Maynard, of Flushing, will make a thorough investigation.

## THE TRIP FROM LONDON TO PARIS

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London letter to The Philadelphia Telegraph.

The newest feature of the year is the new train known as the Club Train. This is what the French often call a Train de Luxe; and though to the American traveller it affords no very new feature, to us, who inhabit this corner of our little world; it is a great improvement. The Club Train leaves both Charug Crosand the Victoria stations at 3:15 in the afternoon. Thus the traveller has a long morning in London, and can enjoy quietly his mid-day meal without having to hurry to the station. The train itself is fitted throughout most luxuriously. There are tables before each soft and comfortable seat. The carpet is springy, and deadens considerably the vibration of the train. Large windows give a maximum supply of light, and hotwater coils, going round all sides of the carriage, maintain a pleasing and equable temperature. The carriages communicate one with the other, so that the traveller may circulate from the saloon-car to the smoking car and to the private cars, for one car is divided off into compartments which constitute a sort of private cabins for those who wish to travel by them selves. This latter arrangement is very convenient for invalids when special care for precautions have to teaken. In one hour and three-quarters the train reaches London from Dover, and here is waiting one of the magnificent new steamers that have been added to the line. These are the three ships called the Empress, the Victoria and the New Calais-Douvres.

The new ships are double the size of the old vessels, and now fross in an hour and five to an hour and iffeen minutes, while the old and smaller steamers take an hour and a half to an hour and three-quarters, and The new ships are double the size of the old vessels, and now cross in an hour and five to an hour and fifteen minutes, while the old and smaller steamers take an hour and a half to an hour and three-quarters, and sometimes even two hours. The New Calais-Douvres, like its sister ships, the Victoria and the Empress, is a large ship, fit to sail on the Atlantic. It has upper and lower decks, and inxurious cabins below. Once the crossing accomplished, the Train de Luxe, corresponding with the Club Train, is on the landing-stage immediately opposite the steamer. Not a moment is lost. The train starts some five minutes after the arrival of the steamer. There is a large luggage van with a comfortable waiting saloon attached, and here as the train travels forward the luggage is examined by the Custom House officials who travel with the train for this purpose. At 7 o'clock a good table d'hote dinner is served on the train, and finally Paris is reached at 11:15 p. m.; that is, just in time to drive to the hotel and get into bed before midnight. Thus the journey from London to Paris is accomplished in eight hours, with the very greatest comfort, and with the loss to a business man of only half a day; that is, of his afternoon.

### NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY

JERSEY CITY.

ARRANGING FOR A NEW WATER SUPPLY. The question of a new water supply for Jersey City was broached again at the meeting of the Street and Water Commissioners yesterday. The Board, at recent meeting, received a communication from the Lehigh Valley Company, asking that some action be taken on its proposition to furnish the city with a supply of pure water at \$42 per 1,000,000 gallons, or that it be permitted to withdraw its check for \$500,000, which had been deposited with the Commissioners as a guarantee of good faith. The matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole, which submitted a report yesterday. After stating that the question of a new supply had been before the city for several years, the report goes on to show that there is great need of a new supply of pure and wholesome water, as the present supply from the Passaic River is becoming more and more polluted every lay. Newark, which, together with Jersey City.

obtains her supply from the Passaic River, has entered obtains her supply from the Passaic River, has entered into a contract with the Lehigh Valley Company for a new supply at \$50 per 1,000,000 gallons. Bayonne has contracted with the Montelair Water Company for a new supply at \$80 per 1,000,000 gallons. The committee recommends that negotiations be entered into with the Montelair Water Company. A resolution was adopted requesting the law officers of the city to confer with the Montelair Company.

A certificate of incorporation of the New-York Marine and New-Brunswick Steamship Company has been filed in the County Clerk's office in this city. The capital stock of the company is stated to

### NEWARK.

Henry Bollinger, a German hatter, age thirty, while delirious with typhoid fever, rushed from his room sunday night and jumped into a cistern in the yard. where his body was found some time after. He leaves widow and six small children.

Joseph D. Byrne, Editor of "The Press Register," and Stephen D. Davis, one of the proprietors, were arraigned in court yesterday and pleaded not guilty to a charge of criminal libel. They gave ball to appear

George Meredith, the burglar who was captured in Higgans's auction-room a few nights ago, and who also pleaded guilty to robbing McGuire's custom tailor shop a few nights previously, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and costs yesterday,

#### ELIZABETH.

TURNING THE TABLES ON HIM.

Daniel O'Keefe, a Brooklyn builder, several years while living in Elizabeth, beat his wife so avagely as to make her a cripple for life; and afterward deserted her. She compelled him later to pay her alimony; and some time ago, learning that he was living with another woman, had her faithless husband indicted. O'Keefe pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the county jail for three months. After his release he soon relapsed into his former habits, and his wife secured another indictment. Hearing of his, O'Keefe fled to Brooklyn, where he has lived

East Grand-st., Elizabeth, a brother of the woman to whom O'Keefe was paying attention, visited him in srooklyn, and the two went on a spree. ing Peterson had disappeared, and \$1,000 of O'Keete oney was likewise missing. Chief Austin arrested Peterson on Tuesday, and found that he had spent all the money excepting \$450, which has since been ecured by the Chief. O'Keefe called at Police Head quarters here yesterday to make a complaint agains Peterson, when he was arrested by two constable from the Sheriff's office, to answer to the indictment btained by his wife. He was so astounded at the turn affairs had taken that he forgot to make a complaint against Peterson, who, in consequence, was released from custody.

Miss Florence De Goll was knocked down by a horse at the Union Station yesterday, and barely escaped being run over and killed. She was stunned ty the shock, but otherwise was unburt. She was taken to her home, No. 286 North Broad-st. The horse and wagon belonged to F. B. Tackner, a milkman, of Union Township.

The formal opening of the Battin High School took place yesterday afternoon and evening. A large number of prominent people inspected the beautiful edifice which Mr. Battin has given the city for educational purposes.

## NEW-BRUNSWICK.

THE COUNTY CLERK ELECTION CONTEST.

Judge Scudder, after having heard all the evidence and proof of fraud in the County Clerk election contest, said to-day that he had grave doubts as to whether he had ever had any jurisdiction in the case, and certified the matter to the Supreme Court for its decision. The case probably will not be decided by the Supreme Court until June. Meanwhile there is no way to make the Democratic incumbent give an ac-count of the fees of the office, which he can keep, even if ousted.

Word was received here to-day of the death of Jaques V. De Mott, a well-known New-Brunswick lawyer, at Pine Bluffs, N. C., where he had gone because of ill-health. Mr. De Mott was graduated from Rutgers in 1874, and was one of the brightest of the younger members of the Middlesex bar. He was forty years old.

## ORANGE.

Ashland High School, at East Orange, yesterday afternoon held an exhibition of work done in the industrial and scholastic departments, after which ome creditable specimens of work in clay modelling, vood carving, mechanical models, etc., were shown, all the work of children under thirteen years of age

The pupils of the Orange high school gave a holiday entertainment yesterday afternoon, consisting of carols, recitations and three pantomimes. The hall was crowded.

## PLAINFIELD.

The sicense Common Council, which has succeeded the no license body, will introduce an ordinance re-ducing the liquor license fee from \$750 to \$500. The licenses will be dated from February 1 instead of March 1, as heretofore,

## OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS

## LONG ISLAND.

FREEPORT.—Mrs. Carrie Kent, wife of Waiter L. Kent, who was arrested a few days ago on complaint of Dr. Denton, has begun suit against her husband for divorce and alimony and counsel fees. In her complaint Mrs. Kent alleges that her husband treated her cruelly and neglected her. Three weeks ago Mrs. Kent was forced to take her four children and seek refuge with her mother, who is matron of the Belmont Hotel, in Fulton-st., New-York City.

SOUTH OYSTER EAY.—The house occupied by L. G. Emmons was totally destroyed by fire about I a. m. yesterday. Emmons is agent for the Long Island Railroad. He and the members of his family narrowly escaped with their lives. Mr. Emmons isose property valued at \$700, besides \$200 in cash. The house was owned by Mrs. Kilrain. Loss, \$3,000; insured for \$1,200.

WESTBURY —Mrs. Elizabeth L. Hicks, the mother

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WESTBURY. Mrs. Elizabeth I. Hicks, the mother of Benjamin D. Hicks, a well-known New-York capitalist, died at her home here yesterday, age eighty-seven. She was one of the oldest and wealthiest members of the society of Friends, and gave largely to charitable and philanthropic undertakings.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE.—Abraham Cornwell, one of the assessors of the town of Benpstead, dropped dead in the dining room of Petiti's Hotel, at Jamaica, at noon to-day. He was sixty years old.

## ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—Three tablets of Quincy granite made by a local dealer to the order of a wealthy South American, who has heard of Bridgeport's industries through some of the delegates to the Pan-American Congress, were yesterday sent to New-York for shipment to the United States of Colombia, there to be set in memory of three young children.

## RICHMOND COUNTY.

MIDDLETOWN.—Thomas Devlin, who was one of the election inspectors in the Fifth District of this town, and who was jointly indicted with Frankli Frean for tampering with the election returns, has disappeared from Staten island. Frean a few days ago was convicted, and is now in the county july awaiting seatence. Devlin's trial is set down for Thursday of this week. WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

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NEW-ROCHELLE.—Anchor Lodge No. 233, Order of Touth, has elected Joseph L. Fornachon president, Adam Hilderbrand vice president, J. A. Huntington secretary, L. D. Huntington treasurer, R. K. Johnston chaplain, and John A. Birchman marchal.

M. J. Lehey, of New-York, is the lowest bidder, at \$100,820, for the building of Section No. 2 of the sewer system. . . Huguenot Commandery, No. 314, U. O. G. C., will elect officers to-hight.

# HOLIDAY GOODS

## INDIA RUBBER,

Such as FINE WATERPROOF CLOTH-ING, RUBBER BOOTS and OVERSHOES, BALLS, TOYS, and many other avticles,

## HODGMAN Rubber Company,

Broadway, cor. Grand St. ESTABLISHED 1838.

Thomas, late of the Pilgrim Church, Nyack, has accepted a call from the Second Reformed Church of this place. His installation will take place on Monday, January 6.

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YONKERS.—Archbishop Corrigan and a committee of leading Catholic laymen, have bought Valentine Hill. South Yonkers, for \$70,500 as a site for the new Roman Catholic seminary.

The Charity Organization Society has elected Norton P. Otis president, G. Hilton Scribner vice-president, William C. Kellogg secretary and Thomas C. Cornell, treasurer.

As a result of the revival services in the First Methodist Episcopal Church forty-four persons have united with that church.

The Yonkers Yacht Club lass elected Charles T. Merser commodore, David steward vice-commodore, Herbert Shipman corresponding secretary, W. H. Devoe financial secretary and John Nesbit treasurer.

and Joan Nesoli treasurer.

PORT CHESTER.—Charles Lawrence Post, G. A. R., will have its annual inspection to-night. The newly elected officers are: Commander, Joseph Tweedale; senior vice-commander, S. Pergo; junior vice-commander, Lewis Clark; quartermaster, William H. Hyler; surgeon, Dr. N. J. Sands; chaplain, C. S. Higgins.

### AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

TROUBLE IN THE 13TH REGIMENT. THIRTY MEMBERS OF COMPANY C SENDING IN

THEIR RESIGNATIONS. The difficulties between the members of Company C. 13th Regiment, and Colonel Austen have assumed

a serious shape, about thirty of the members of the company having forwarded their resignations. In the latter part of October an election was held for first lieutenant of the company, and among the candidates was Lieutenant Colligan, of the 47th Regiment, who has two brothers in the 13th. They worked hard for his election, and when he was defeated laid the blame to the feeling among some of the members of the regi-ment against putting Roman Catholics in office. When the members of the company were required by Colonel Austen to turn in their uniforms, a hot dispute arose between Quartermaster-Sergeant D. H. Dykeman and Private James H. Colligan, and the former is reported to have said that too many Roman Catholics were in the regiment already, and that no one of that faith could become a commissioned officer of the company. Colligan then knocked him down. The matter was brought in court by a warrant for Colligan's arrest, but the complainant failed to appear yesterday and the case was dismissed.

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Colligan and his friends have resigned, leaving about thirty vacancies in the company. They assert that they were "frozen out." Collonel Austen said, yesterday that so far as he knew religious differences had nothing to do with the matter. He found a nunber of uniforms and overcoats missing from the company's lockers and called all in to have a correct list made, as he is responsible. There were charges pending argainst a number of the numbers of the company and he was examining into them.

ANOTHER RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION. Mayor Chapin yesterday appointed Howard Gibb, E. Miner, William T. Lane, E. F. Linton and F. A. Ward the Rapid Transit Commission to lay out a route in Atlantic-ave, for an elevated road. The three first named are in the commission recently appointed to lay out a route in Third-ave. The vacancy in the latter commission, caused by the refusal of Postmaster Hendrix to serve, has been filled by the appointment of Nelson G. Carman.

### CELEBRATING THEIR WOODEN WEDDING. The fifth anniversary of the wedding of Charles O'C. Hennessy, City Editor of "The New-York Daily

News," to Emma S. Hancock, was celebrated last night at their home, No. 196 De Kalb-ave. The The ceremony actually occurred on December 24, 1884; but to avoid interfering with Christmas Eve exercises the anniversary was celebrated last night. popularity of the young couple was evinced both in the number of friends present and the multitude of wooden remembrances appropriate to the anniversary Especially handsome gifts were made by the officers of "The Daily News" Building and Loan Association, of which Mr. Hennessy is president, and also by the Publish Musical and Literary Union. gift, however, was a genuine rough-hewn North Caro-lina huntsman's chair, presented by Edward A. Burke, one of Mr. Hennessy's professional associates. It was said to be the identical chair in which the Governor of North Carolina sat during a certain he conference with the Governor of South Car ernor of North Carolina sat during a certain instoric conference with the Governor of South Carolina. Among those present were George Bartholomew, man-aging editor of "The Daily News"; Commissioner Holahan, William H. Townley, Henry R. Van Keuren and about forty members of the Fabian Union. The chief incident of the evening was a bright address by Frank Hancock Hernessy, the four-year-old son of the couple whose union was celebrated.

## GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Mayor Chapin was invited yesterday by a number of women, representing the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Wayside Home, and other like institutions, who urged him to support a measure to

institutions, who urged into a support of police matrons and making their appointment mandatory.

A brass tablet, a memorial to the late General Jesse C. Smith, has just been placed in St. Ann's Church, and can be seen for the first time on Christmas morn-

Mrs. Beecher had a fainting fit in her pew in Plymouth Church on Sunday morning, and was carried to the lecture-room, where she soon rallied. She has had similar attacks before, once or twice when her husband was preaching. She was in her usual health Thomas Wynn, driver of an ice cart, while suffer-

ing from delirium tremens yesterday, gave the police of the second Precinct a shock by reporting that his two children had been cut to pieces at No. 51 Frontst. The reserves in a patrol wagon were sent out, but no such number could be found. Wynn was then sent, with a policeman as a guide, to the place. He was quiet, and appeared perfectly sober, and took the officers to No. 48 Front-st., where he has a room. the officers to No. 48 Front-St., where he has a room. When they entered the room, he said, pointing to a bed: "There they are, all hacked to pieces. The room is full of their bodies, and I see them everywhere." This disclosed his condition and he was

divorce from James A. Wallace, a grain broker at No. 18 Beaver-st., New-York, on the ground of y. Mr. Wallace alleges that his wife's temper violent that, If left alone with him, she will

Each of the forty-six employes at the Park Theatre was presented with a large turkey yesterday, by Col-

Theodore Frank, of No. 1,136 Bushwick-ave., has begun a suit to recover \$5,000 as damages for breach of promise of marriage from Miss Matilda Ballay, of No. 339 South Third-st. He also seeks to recover \$75 worth of gifts made to her.

## IN THE ANNEXED DISTRICT.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS. The Juvenile Asylum, at One-hundred-and-seventy-sixth-st, and Tenth-ave., will amuse its children on

Christmas Eve by a unique entertainment, under the management of the well-known illusionist H. M. Carpenter, assisted by J. G. von Hoft. There will also be selections of music. Three Christmas trees will be shown in the large chapel. Every child will receive a present, and a turkey dinner will be given to the 930 inmates on Christmas. The Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at One-hundred and sixty-second st. and Tenth-ave., will have nothing more than a turkey dinner and the isual presents, as most of the pupils will spend the holidays at their respective homes. At the Colored Orphan Asylam, One hundred and lorty third-st. and Tenth-ave., arrangements are being made for the en-tertainment of its 250 children.

About 11:30 a. m. yesterday Samuel Kappel, an Italian, age forty, whose home is at No. 115 Elizabeth st., was instantly killed while hoisting stone from a sewer excavation at One hundred and fifty fourthest, and Tenthave. Peter Barratt and William Morgan, who were with Kappel when he was killed, were ar-rested and afterward discharged by the Coroner.

## UP IN BUSY HARLEM.

W. C. T. U. CRUSADE ANNIVERSARY.

TARRYTOWN.—An entort is making by the war veterans of Greenburg and Mount Fleasant to raise were held at No. 192 East One-hundred and twenty-were held W. C. T. U. CRUSADE ANNIVERSARY.

## Collins, a veteran W. C. T. U. worker, over eighty ive years of age, gave a history of the union's lif and progress, and referred to its early struggles in and around Catherine st. Mrs. L. D. Thomas, who is well known for her indefatigable work among the convicts on Blackwell's Island, gave a lucid review of the good results of the union's efforts and said, among other things, that almost every convict to whom she has ever spoken admits that drink was the prime cause of his crime. Mrs. Ellison spoke of how to bring the women into the cause; of its being for their own elevation and for the benefit of the Nation. Mrs. Everett gave an instructive discourse on "Heredity and Health." Mrs. A. E. W. Roy, a native of the missionary, made an appeal to the people of civilized countries to prevent the shipment of alcoholic liquors to her people. The Rey, Dr. Matthew Pogson, of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, delivered a stirring address in the evening. victs on Blackwell's Island, gave a lucid review of

### OBITUARY

CAPTAIN JOHN W. BRYCE. Captain John W. Bryce, of East Newark, fell dead

in Jersey City about 11 a. m. yesterday, while walk ing up from the Pennsylvania Railroad station to his office, No. 29 Montgomery-st. He left his home in East Newark in his usual good health, but when he reached the intersection of Hudson and Montgomery sts. he was seized with severe pains in the region of his heart, and stopped into the car-starter's shanty on the corner, where he sat down in a chair. In a short time he felt better and resumed his walk, but had gone only about half way up the block when he fell on the sidewalk. He was carried into a store and a physician was summoned, but when he arrived

Captain Bryce was born in Kentucky about seventy five years ago. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy and for several years was a captain in the Navy. He afterward served in the infantry arm of the service during the Civil War. He was a man of varied accomplishments, and was both a lawyer and a a reputation as a writer of sea stories under the nom a reputation as a writer of sea stories under the nome de plume of "Jack Brace." At one time he was Editor of "The Morning News," a paper founded by Moses Y. Beach, after the latter had sold "The Sun" to his sons. When "The News" was absorbed by "The Sun" Captain Bryce became an editorial writer on the latter paper. Recently his literary work has been confined to translating French works for some of the leading magazines, and writing editorials for some of the weekly papers in Hudson County. N. J. He also practised law occasionally, but being a chronic sufferer from rheumatism, was unable to do much. His acquaintance with statespeen of the old times was extensive and his reminiscences were always interesting. He leaves a widow and a son and daughter, both married.

### EDWARD T. WAITE.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- Edward T. Waite, son of the late Chief Justice Waite, died at an early hour this morning at his mother's home in this city. His mother, wife, brother and sister were at his bedside. The remains were taken to-day to Toledo, where the funeral will be held. Mr. Waite was engaged in the practice of law in Toledo, where he was much respected. His death, which was due to Bright's disease, occurred after a lingering illness.

THE REV. EDWARD J. O'REILLY.

The Rev. Edward J. O'Reilly, pastor of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, at Hicks and Summit sts. Brookfyn, died yesterday at noon from inflammation of the brain, from which he had suffered for some time. He was born in Ireland in 1826, and was educated in Dublin. He became a priest in 1850, going to Africa as a missionary, and afterward to the Bahama Islands. In 1866 he came to this country, and was assistant pastor successively at the churches of St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Peter and St. Paul-In 1873 he took charge of St. Stephen's, and speedly built one of the finest and largest churches in South Brooklyn. Its cross is 200 feet above the sidewalk. Ope of the special features of the services in St. Stephen's is the fine music, largely due to the taste of the rector. He built up a large and strong church. Father O'Reilly was active in charitable works, and did much for St. Mary's Hospital and St. Joseph's llome. The funeral will probably be held on Thursday.

THE FATHER OF A SUICIDE DYING OF GRIEFS Janesville, Wis., Dec. 23 (Special).-John W. Carenter, father of Mrs. Elton Fay, whose husband killed himself in New-York on Saturday, says that there was no domestic difficulty between them. She received a letter from him from New-York and would telegraph her from Chicago to meet him. Fay's father, Charles Fay, lives in Edgerton. the news reached him last night he fell insensible and has not yet recovered consciousness. He will probably die. Fay was idolized by his parents. His father, the ex-sheriff of Walworth County, was well known in Southern Wisconsin. His wife is nearly crazed with grief. She did not know that her hus-band drank until about a year ago.

## THE OCEAN GROVE ASSOCIATION

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 23 (Special).-The celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, which began yesterday, did not close until to-night. The platform meeting was largely attended. The Rev. Henry M. elting, the pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Benjamin M. Adams, of New-York, was the first speaker. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Nardell, of Connecticut; Major James S. Yard, ex-Senator Hayes, of Newark, and the Rev. George Hughes. The consecration meeting was largely attended. A

banquet was tendered to the members of the association and their families at the Atlantic House. Vice-President Ballard was the toast-master. The Rev. Benjamin M. Adams, of New-York, responded to the toast, "Our First President." Secretary George W. Evans, spoke to the sentiment, "The Memory of Our Dead." President Stokes spoke in response to the toast, "Our Association." Presiding Elder Moore spoke on "Our Neighbor Over the Way." ments." Other toasts were responded to by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Alday, John R. Van Kirk, the Rev. Dr. Wardell, Captain John C. Patterson, Chief of Police, and others. The celebration closed to-night with a social reception in Association Hall. Brown spoke on "Our Finances and Our Improve

### FUNERAL OF BENJAMIN H. DAY. The funeral of Benjamin H. Day, founder of "The Sun," was held yesterday at his home, No. 55 East Twenty-fifthst. The Rev. J. H. Mclivaine, president of Evelyn College, Princeton, officiated, and there were present among others the Rev. Dr. Hall Mclivaine, of the Church of the Covenant, John A. Lewis, Alexander Henry, Major Oatman, W. P. Snyder, and Alfred Beach, Editor of "The Scientific

American." The body will be taken to Woodlawn for

LITTLE FEAR OF A STRIKE ON THE ERIE. Rumors of a possible tie-up and general strike of the members of the Brotherhood of Engineers on the Eric should be able to speak with authority asserted yesterday that there was no special danger of a strike at present. Last month a general scare among railroad men occurred trouble was settled by arbitration with a committee of the engineers. The Brotherhood men now assert that the members of this committee were discharged last Friday and that they must be reinstated or their brother en-gineers will quit work. The assertion in an afternoon paper yesterday that in case the demands of the men were not compiled with by Friday, a strike would take place could not be verified yesterday. The Brotherhood ongineers will only strike as a last resort, and when every other way to arbitrate and settle the trouble has failed. In case a strike of the engineers occurs, the brakemen and switchmen, who are more or less in sympathy with the Knights of Labor, will refuse to assist the engineers. Many of the firemen will also oppose the engineers.

General Manager Thomas, of the Eric Railroad, said as his office yesterday afternoon that he did not think there

### would be any trouble and had heard no threats of THE WEATHER REPORT.

strike. .

FORECAST TILL S P. M. TUESDAY. Washington, Dec. 23.—For New-England, fair; warmen, For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, warmer, fair; light rain on

Wednesday.
For Virginia, the Carolinas, Louisiana and Eastern

Texas, fair; warmer.

For Georgia, Fierida, Alabama and Mississippi, fair;
For Georgia, Fierida, Alabama and Mississippi, fair;
For Georgia stationary temperature, except in extreme Northern Georgia warmer.
For Western New-York, Western Pennsylvania and
West Virginia, warmer, fair; followed by light rain during
the afternoon or evening.

## TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



Tribune Office, Dec. 24, 1 a. in.—Fair weather prevailed yesterday, with a dry air and a cooler tendency. The temperature ranged between 47 and 39 degrees, the average (42%) being 10% higher than on the corresponding day last year, and 3% lower than on Sunday. In and near this city to-day will probably be warmer, generally fair weather.

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